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29 April 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy to the DCI for the Intelligence Community

SUBJECT: Comments of USIB Principals on Pending Discontinuation of the NIB

REFERENCE: DCI's Memo (Attached)

25X1 1. All USIB principals (except Navy, which has not been heard from) agree that the NIB should be discontinued.\* Several principals however, have made a number of interesting recommendations, and the comments of [ ] and General Tighe reveal what appear to be very different interpretations of what the new procedures for the National Intelligence Daily (NID) will be:

- 25X1 • General Allen recommends that the cabled version of the NID include GAMMA and TK material; this proposal can probably be accommodated.
- [ ] suggests that the DCI's proposals be tried during a trial period, after which reactions to the new product could be solicited "and a final decision made regarding the continuation of the cable format /of the NID/." This strikes us as an eminently sensible suggestion.
- General Tighe proposes "that a working group be established as soon as practicable to draft a Memorandum of Understanding or appropriate directive governing preparation, coordination, attribution and dissemination of the modified National Intelligence Daily." This is likely to cause some consternation in CIA.
- General Tighe's comments reflect his view that the procedures associated with the new NID will allow the retention of "the Community discipline enforced by the coordination procedures of the Bulletin /NID/." Tighe clearly believes that the NID should be fully coordinated, at least with DIA.

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- [ ] on the other hand, states in his comments that the NID should not be considered a "fully coordinated publication" when--according to the DCI--there will be two large loopholes in the coordination process. [ ] observes that if, contrary to his own view, there must be a "fully coordinated" national intelligence daily, then "it will have to be just that--with an end to talk /i.e., CIA's talk/ about 'light coordination' and 'coordination in substance' and exemption of single articles."

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2. The differences between Tighe and [ ] illustrate a major problem associated with this new venture: CIA's desire to fully control its own daily publication, with only a modest bow in the direction of coordination with other Community entities, and DIA's belief that it should continue to play an influential role in determining the contents of that same daily publication.

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3. My own view is that Hal Saunders is right: We do not now need a fully coordinated daily, and we should not try to pretend (as the memo for USIB principals signed by the DCI in fact did) that the new NID will be "fully coordinated." I would not second General Tighe's notion that a working group be established to draft the charter of the new NID. I do think, though, that at the end of a trial period the IC Staff might make some constructive suggestions about modifying the new NID procedures.

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MEMORANDUM FOR USIB PRINCIPALS

SUBJECT : Current Intelligence Publications

REFERENCES : a. USIB-D-71.11/7, 2 December 1974  
b. USIB-D-71.11/6, 4 April 1974  
c. USIB-M-664, 4 April 1974, Item 3

1. I have recently conducted a review of the current intelligence publications produced in CIA. This review has involved a close look at the need for individual publications as well as their format and production costs. As part of this process a representative from my Office of Current Intelligence has consulted with the principal production officers in DIA, State, and NSA.

2. My findings indicate that the daily intelligence needs of our main consumers can continue to be well served and that a substantial savings of several hundred thousand dollars can be realized by discontinuing the National Intelligence Bulletin, the procedures for which were established in the reference documents. In its place, I propose to meet departmental needs by producing a cabled version of the National Intelligence Daily.

3. More specifically, I propose that the NID become a fully coordinated publication. Late-breaking news items that cannot be coordinated will be so identified. As at present, drafting will be handled by CIA; DIA's Defense Intelligence Notices and other departmental intelligence publications will be used as the basis for some drafts. In addition, DIA, State, NSA, and CIA will be invited to submit feature articles. The feature articles will give attribution to the author and his organization and will be coordinated in substance. We will continue to require the services of representatives from the participating agencies to facilitate the coordination process and to speed the exchange of substantive information.

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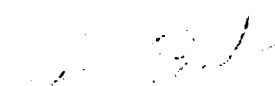
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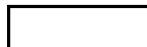
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4. The cabled version of the NID will carry an overall classification of TOP SECRET COMINT NOFORN, but each paragraph will be individually classified so that recipients can more easily use the information to meet their departmental needs.

5. If you have any comments please provide them to the Executive Secretary of USIB by 22 April 1976.

  
George Bush  
Chairman

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